

Department of Health Professions

DIRECTOR'S POLICY # 76-7.5

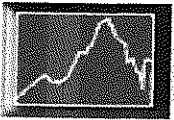
Prescription Drug Monitoring Advisory Panel

Effective Date: June 14, 2012

Approved By: _____

D. Reynolds-Cane, M.D.
Dianne Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director

- Purpose:** To establish an advisory panel within the department to assist in the implementation and evaluation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program as authorized by Chapter 25.2 of Title 54.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- Policy:** The Department's policy is to seek internal and external advice and opinion regarding implementation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, including establishment of criteria that indicates potential misuse of covered substances.
- Procedures:**
- A. There is hereby established an Advisory Panel appointed by the Director with the following composition:
 1. A pharmacist in practice in a community pharmacy;
 2. A doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine in primary practice;
 3. A doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine with a specialty in pain management, treating in an outpatient setting;
 4. A licensed nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority;
 5. A representative of the Department of State Police;
 6. A representative of the Office of the Medical Examiner;
 7. A representative of Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Attorney General;
 8. A representative of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services concerned with the delivery or substance abuse treatment services; and
 9. A representative of an organization concerned with the adequate relief of pain and the appropriate use of scheduled drugs.
 - B. Except for the initial appointments, members shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one additional four-year term. A member who is appointed to fill a vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term shall be eligible for two full four-year terms. Terms of appointment shall begin on July 1 of each calendar year.
 - C. Members of the Panel shall not be current members of a health regulatory board within the Department.
 - D. The Panel shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a one-year term ending June 30 of each calendar year.



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- E. The Panel shall meet not less than once a year and shall conduct all business according to Robert's Rules of Order. Five members shall constitute a quorum. The Panel may adopt by-laws to govern its operations as it deems necessary to conduct its business and as consistent with law and regulations.
- F. The Director shall have the authority to remove a member.